

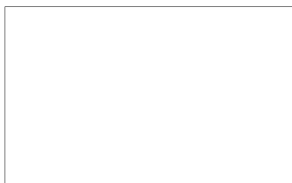
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**GROUND FORCE ACTIVITY IN
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TOP SECRET RUFF**GROUND FORCE ACTIVITY IN NORTHEAST CHINA****ABSTRACT**

1. This report describes the continuing trend toward and gives examples of dispersal, protection, and camouflage of weapons and equipment in northeast China as observed on photography of January and February 1972. This report contains text, a location map, and six photographs.

INTRODUCTION

2. Individual instances of dispersal, protection, and camouflage of weapons and equipment have been observed in northeast

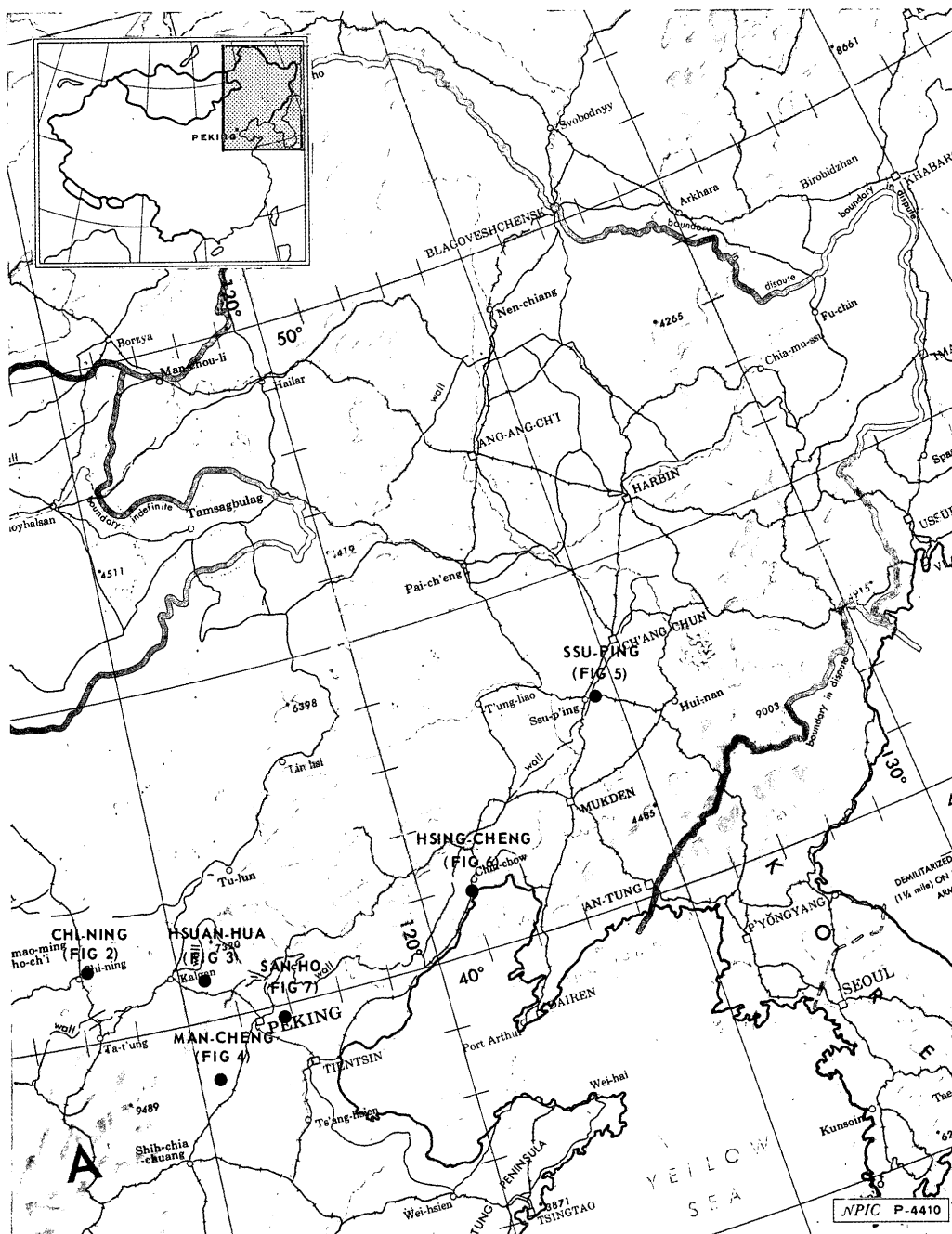


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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China since 1969. Photography of the area [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] shows that such defensive activity is becoming 25X1
widespread and sophisticated (Figure 1).

BASIC DESCRIPTION

3. Equipment is being dispersed near military installations, in defensive areas, and in small villages. Field artillery pieces have been observed dispersed in or adjacent to defensive firing positions. This tactic was observed within Chi-ning Defensive Area Southwest [redacted] 25X1
(Figure 2). Field artillery has also been observed in small villages such as those near Hsuan-hua Possible Staff Grade Artillery School [redacted] (Figure 3) and in 25X1
Teng-hsien Artillery Training Area [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Armor has been observed dispersed away from identified armor 25X1
installations as in the case of Tai-yuan Armor Dispersal Area 1 [redacted] 25X1
Antiaircraft artillery (AAA) has been observed deployed in defensive areas such as Hou-kou-zu AAA Defensive Area at 40-54-00N 109-52-00E on photography [redacted] 25X1
Hardening of AAA sites has also been noted in northeast China, notably near Tai-yuan and Pao-tou.

4. Adits and hardened revetments for equipment storage and protection have been built within several dispersal areas. At Man-cheng Armor Installation [redacted], at least 250 adits 25X1
suitable for the storage of armor, wheeled vehicles, and other equipment have been observed throughout the area (Figure 4). Similar adits have been observed in streambeds at Fou-hsin-shih Army Barracks AL 3 [redacted] and at Tang-hsien Armor 25X1
Training Area [redacted] 25X1

5. Hardened vehicle revetments and shelters, such as those at Ku-cheng Armor Training Area [redacted], have been built 25X1
at numerous locations in northeast China. At Ssu-ping Army Barracks East AL 5 [redacted] hardened vehicle shelters in 25X1
various stages of construction were observed on photography of [redacted] (Figure 5). 25X1

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